

MOSSY, SOUTHMEADOW and COACHLACE PONDS (Clinton)

General Information:

Located approximately one and a half miles southwest of Clinton center, this chain of ponds is readily accessible from Route 110 via South Meadow Road, which bisects South Meadow Pond. Boats can be launched and there is parking for a limited number of cars. Average depth of the 125-acre complex is 9.0 feet, with a maximum of 27.0 feet. The eastern portion of South Meadow pond is connected to Mossy Pond and Coachlace Pond by navigable culverts, allowing small boat access to the three ponds from one launching site.

Fish Populations:

The fish population was most recently sampled during the summer of 1997. A total of eleven species were collected, including several rainbow trout from the spring stocking. Resident gamefish include largemouth bass and chain pickerel. Yellow perch, white perch, black crappie, bluegills, pumpkinseeds, brown bullheads, and yellow bullheads compose the panfish fauna. Golden shiners are also present.

Fishing:

Each spring trout are stocked to provide recreational sport fishing. Due to its proximity to Clinton, fishing pressure is usually moderate to heavy, particularly in the spring. Fishing for bass and pickerel should be productive, as good cover is present along much of the shorelines. Winter jigging for yellow perch should result in some good creels. For those who enjoy catching and eating bullheads (hornpout), there are good populations in all three ponds.

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